

RACE PREJUDICE MARS PAN-AMERICANS' PLEA FOR UNITED AMERICAS

Head of Scientific Congress Indorses President's Policy, While Argentine Delegate Balks at Colored Republics

MEETING IN WASHINGTON

Union of Interests Is President's Hope

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 27.—President Wilson today sent the following message to John Barrett, director-general of the Pan-American Union. "Please present my warmest greetings to the delegates of the Pan-American Scientific Congress and extend to them in my behalf a most cordial welcome. It seems to me to be the happiest omen that the attendance upon this congress should be so large and the interest in its proceedings so great. "I hope that the greatest success will attend every activity of the congress and that the intimate intercourse of thought which it produces will bind Americans still closer throughout both continents, alike in sympathy and purpose. "WOODROW WILSON."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Indorsement of the portion of the President's message to Congress concerning Pan-Americanism and the declaration that the Pan-American Scientific Congress "must confine those lines in even firmer words" was the feature of the address at the opening session of the congress today, delivered by Eduardo Suarez Alfaro, Ambassador from Chile and president of the congress. He declared the meeting today would wipe out the last trace of misunderstandings among American countries and that all of the former animosities of the Monroe Doctrine had disappeared. However, the apple of discord bobbed up when Dr. Ernesto Quesada, chairman of the Argentine delegation, dwelt on binding together on a plane of "international equality" the "continental nations" of the Americas, excluding the two colored island republics, Haiti and San Domingo, as well as Cuba, which were represented by delegations to the congress. Vice President Marshall welcomed the congress in the absence of the President. He went on record as favoring ample preparation for war, but said the dream and prayer of his life was peace.

MARSHALL CHEERED. Great applause greeted the statement by Mr. Marshall that while the United States would not permit European exploitation of South and Central America, the United States itself would not exploit that territory. John Barrett, director of the Pan-American union, called the opening session to order in the capacity of secretary-general of the congress. The Pan-American hymn was sung by a choir of 125 voices, after which Ambassador Suarez, of Chile, was introduced as president of the congress. Secretary of State Lansing, representing the American Government, made a speech of welcome, to which Senator Suarez replied. Chairman of the "visiting delegations from the 21 countries represented then responded in the names of the various governments. The American delegation, headed by the Secretary of State, will receive the entire congress today.

LANSING MAKES APPEAL. Secretary of State Lansing dwelt on "the feeling that the Republics of this hemisphere," Secretary Lansing, "constitute a group separate and apart from the other nations of the world, united by common ideals and common aspirations, today has become a definite and certain force which draws together the 21 republics and makes them the American family of nations." The Secretary reiterated the declaration of President Wilson regarding sentiments which will flourish in every other American Republic that the might of this country will never be exercised in a spirit of greed to wrest from a neighboring State its territory or possessions. He suggested that the Pan-American nations might well take the motto of Dumas, "Three Musketeers," "One for All; All for One."

The Secretary urged co-operation for defense against any country that might look with covetous eyes on the riches of the Americas. He said there should be closer relationships in trade and commerce. "They must be not only neighbors, but friends; not only friends, but intimates," he said. He pictured a continent at war where "untold misery is being endured and terrible heritage being transmitted to succeeding generations," and drew a comparison with the continent at peace as teaching a lesson that should not be ignored. "With all earnestness," the Secretary concluded, "I commend to you the thought of the American republics, 21 sovereign and independent nations, bound together by faith and justice and firmly cemented by a sympathy which knows no superior and no inferior, but which recognizes only equality and fraternity."

100,000 ATTEND. Nearly 100,000 of the most distinguished publicists, scientists and educators of North, Central and South America are attending the congress. It was characterized today as an "invasion of peace" and a Pan-American "mobilization of brains." Vice President Marshall formally welcomed the delegates in the absence of President Wilson, after John Barrett, director of the Pan-American Union, called the congress to order, with Assistant Secretary of State Phillips presiding until Ambassador Suarez, of Chile, the permanent chairman, was installed. A feature of the opening ceremonies was the first singing by a chorus of the "Pan-American Hymn."

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IN PEN AND PENCIL CABARET



Through the courtesy of Thomas M. Love, the Forrest Theatre will be the scene tomorrow of the Kris Kringle Kabaret for the poor children of the city. The show will be given by the Pen and Pencil Club. Local theatrical managers are doing everything possible to make the occasion a success. Miss Beatrice Herford will be one of the principal entertainers.

PEN AND PENCIL SUMMONS OLD KRIS TO GLADDEN KIDS

Christmas Entertainment for Children at Forrest Theatre Tomorrow Will Be Merry Event

STAGELAND STARS TO AID A fitting climax to the good cheer of Christmas will be provided for hundreds of poor children from all parts of the city at the Kris Kringle Kabaret, which will be given by the Pen and Pencil Club at the Forrest Theatre tomorrow afternoon. The affair is to be for the kids from start to finish, and in addition to a real Kris Kringle there will be a real show, through the kindness of the leading theatrical managers of the city.

Some of the biggest stars of stageland will be on hand to aid in the jubilation, and the program has been arranged with the idea that there's nothing too good for the kids. Of course, their mothers will be with them, and they, too, no doubt, will take delight in the funfest. The perpetual Ralph Bigham, the fat-faced boy in town, will officiate as Kris Kringle and see to it that every kid on hand will have all the ice cream and cake and candy that he ever dreamed of. Before the feast will be the big show, which will include the Skating Bear, from the "Nixon" Theatre, who can do almost anything but talk; Beatrice Herford, the entertainer, who is known all over for her wonderful stories and gloom-chasing jokes; Little Gabriel and his company of funmakers; a tabloid musical comedy from the William Penn, several acts from the Keystone, the Bijou, the Broadway and other houses. Many more will be provided by Norman Jefferies.

Samuel F. Nixon and Thomas P. Love, through whose courtesy the theatre is provided, will see that there's nothing lacking to make everybody happy and comfortable. Harry T. Jordan, general manager of the B. E. Keith enterprises, will act as general stage director. He will be assisted by Fred G. Nixon, producer, M. W. Taylor, George W. Metzel, Joseph Dougherty, Huzhey Dougherty, the famous minstrel, and others. Members of the Pen and Pencil Club will meet at the clubhouse, 1625 Walnut street, at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and march to the theatre in a body. A moving picture of the scribbles will be taken during the march by the Paramount Feature Film Company, through the courtesy of Stanley Mastbaum, of the Stanley Amusement Company. On reaching the theatre the club members will act as ushers, waiters and general hosts to the hundreds of guests who share in the festivities.

Dr. W. J. Hearn 72 Today Dr. W. Joseph Hearn, noted physician, is 72 years old today. He celebrated his anniversary by spending the day with his family at his residence, 2119 Spruce street. Doctor Hearn was graduated from the Jefferson Medical College in 1889.

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PHILADELPHIANS FLOCK TO SHORE FOR HOLIDAY IN GREAT NUMBERS

Quaker City Folk Challenge Theory That They Prefer to Spend Christmas Home. Dispute Gotham's Place

BRIGHT ATTIRE IN VOGUE

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 27.—Philadelphia, in stronger numbers than ever before at Christmastide, are challenging today the hitherto unquestioned theory that Atlantic City is distinctly an annex of Gotham at this happy season. The Philadelphians are every whit as gay and smartly dressed as the most picturesque of Manhattan's representatives. The surprising influx of Philadelphia folk is one of the most agreeable surprises of the season for hotelmen. If Philadelphians are going to break away from the time-honored custom of spending Christmas at home, it will be necessary to do the preparations at the hotels a year hence and provide a much more pretentious program of entertainment.

"Philadelphia society folk will take a prominent part in a series of smart events this week at the Seaview Country Club. There is, unfortunately, very little in the way of amusement for the large number of strangers here. This circumstance has emphasized once more the need of a duly qualified board to make a study of diversions and see that Atlantic City is amply supplied with them in winter. "Today's parade was gay, but that of yesterday or of Christmas. The recent revolt against excessive sobriety in raiment is being emphasized in the wearing of hats of the brightest colors, blue having a decided run of popularity. Miss Scott, a visitor from Wellesville, N. Y., caused something of a commotion. As she stepped from a rolling chair it was discovered that she wore beneath a trim black costume shirred pantaloons of green silk. The sudden fall of the crowd sent the young woman hastening back to her chair and the protection of a blanket robe.

Mrs. John Strubbers, Miss Helen von Strubbers, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Van Rensselaer are among the well-known Philadelphians in Chelsea.

Other Quaker City folk here include Mr. and Mrs. Percy M. Chandler, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin J. Gray, Colonel and Mrs. P. F. Brightly, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Shoemaker, Mrs. Paul H. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McMaster and son, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Duggan, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. McPherson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Leon Shirruthers, Isaac W. Jeanes, Mrs. Isaac W. Kemble, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Kemble, R. K. McCall and Miss McCall, Robert Cookman and Miss Cookman, Albert E. Beale, the Misses Helen and May Thompson, Mrs. Ralph Blum and Miss Blum, Mr. and Mrs. George Carleton, Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. F. Keadley, J. Woods Brown and Miss Louise Brown, Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Brinton and Miss Elizabeth Brinton, Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Winston, Mrs. S. W. Entwistle, May Hirtzkin, Miss Ida Rhoads, William W. Wood, Mrs. Lewis T. Scott, Miss Maud Scott, Mrs. Edward P. Moxey and son, Dr. and Mrs. Henry W. Sticksom, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Morris W. Stroud, Jr., J. M. Kennedy and son, Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Macfarlane, Mrs. William Randall, Mr. and Mrs. S. Sicksle, Miss Gladys Sicksle and J. S. Hart.

"AL" YOUNG, M'NICHOL MURDER "WITNESS," IS IN CITY, POLICE SAY

Cousin of Keller Believed to Have Been in Leather Factory at Time of Killing

INQUEST NEXT WEEK

"Al" Young is hiding in this city, according to detectives who are seeking him as the "star witness" in the trunk murder mystery. Young, a nephew of Edward Keller, who is in Moyamensing Prison accused of the murder of Daniel J. McNichol, is believed by the police to have been in the factory of McNichol at 12th and Hamilton streets with Keller on March 20, 1914, the day McNichol went to meet Keller there and disappeared. The police theory is that McNichol was shot while in the factory offices and put into a trunk; that this trunk was taken to Keller's home, at 1818 Wendeny street, and from there to his laundry, at 4622 Frankford avenue, in the cellar of which, now an unoccupied building, the trunk containing the body was found buried. The inquest into the death of McNichol, who was a second cousin of State Senator James P. McNichol, will be held next week, probably Tuesday. By that time the detectives say their case against Keller will be complete. Damaging testimony not yet made public will be revealed at the inquest, according to the police. C. P. Sterner, counsel for Keller, has announced that he will institute habeas corpus proceedings immediately after the inquest. For this reason it is believed that the detectives will produce before Coroner Knight every scrap of evidence they have.

Negro Workman Killed by a Blast

A negro workman, employed in the construction of a sewer in West Philadelphia, was killed in a blasting accident today on the west bank of the Schuylkill, above Spring Garden street. He was Moses Churchhill, 35 years old, Warren street above 49th, and was employed by Peoples Brothers. With the other workmen Churchhill stood at the entrance of the tunnel, which is to be converted into a 48-inch sewer, and waited while rock 42 feet under the surface was blasted. He was 29 feet from the scene of the explosion, but a piece of rock traveled through the tunnel in a straight line and struck his chest, causing death shortly afterward. None of those about him were injured.

THREE COUPLES, WED 50 YEARS AGO, TODAY KEEP HAPPY EVENT

Two "Green Boys," Now 76 and 72 Years Old, and Sister Married in Triple Ceremony at Marple Toll House

FRIENDS MAKE MERRY

A triple wedding was solemnized 50 years ago in tollhouse No. 5 on the West Chester pike, Marple township. Today three couples, together with two brothers and a sister, are celebrating at Bryn Mawr the triple golden wedding anniversary. Relatives and friends of the sextet are showering them with congratulations and more than half a hundred guests attended the reception and dinner.

The six celebrants are William F. Green, 75 years old, of Marple, and his wife, 70 years old, who was Miss Sarah E. Thomas; his brother, Jacob Green, 72 years old, of West Chester, and his wife, 70 years old, who was Miss Adelaide Smith, and George D. Beatty, 78 years old, of Bryn Mawr, and his wife, 71 years old, who until 30 years ago was Miss Anna M. Green. She is the sister of two of the bridegrooms. The three couples have six children and 11 grandchildren living.

The anniversary celebration was begun today with a reception in the assembly room at the Bryn Mawr firehouse, followed by a dinner given to the old people by their relatives. The menu included pies baked by the three brides. A general reunion meeting was then held, relatives coming from Media, Kennett Square, Paoli, Trenton, Berwyn and other nearby towns. The recent death of the Rev. S. L. Cox, pastor of the Newtown Baptist Church, prevented the proposed re-enactment of the ceremony. He was the minister who performed the triple ceremony in the toll house kept by the late George Green.

father of the "Green" boys and their sister. Two of the brides were soldier boys. Who had come back home alive? The other was a farmer boy. So happy and so gay. In this wise "one who was present 50 years ago" notified the three happy couples that he remembered the jolly country wedding of half a century ago. The anonymous guest sent a short poem as his gift, recalling that William Green and George Beatty returned bronzed and hardy from the battles of the Civil war to claim their brides. The "Green Boys" are now and always have been farmers. Their brother-in-law is a carpenter. The three wives are housewives, and have been nothing else but that all their lives, and they have been happy.

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